

P-427, 421/CP-85-652 ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of  
Certain Subscribers in the  
Zimmerman Exchange for Extended  
Area Service to the  
Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: February 12, 1991  
DOCKET NO. P-427, 421/CP-85-652  
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 26, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 20, 1989 ORDER IN LIGHT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE § 236.161 (1990). In the Matter of the Petitions of Certain Subscribers in the Exchanges of Zimmerman, Prescott, Waconia, Belle Plaine, North Branch, Lindstrom, New Prague, Cambridge, Hudson, Houlton, LeSueur, Cannon Falls, Delano, Northfield, Buffalo and Watertown for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area, Docket No. P-421, 405, 407, 430, 426, 520, 427/CI-87-76. In that Order the Commission directed the telephone companies serving each of the exchanges, plus the telephone companies serving the existing metro calling area, to submit cost studies and proposed rates for Extended Area Service (EAS) for certain of the petitioning exchanges, including Zimmerman.

On August 20, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING THE FILING OF TRAFFIC STUDIES AND GRANTING TIME EXTENSION. In that Order the parties were given until September 24, 1990, to file their cost studies and proposed rates.

On September 24, 1990, cost studies and proposed rates were filed in the current docket for the Zimmerman exchange.

On December 17, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION. In that Order the Department of Public Service (the Department) was granted an extension until January 17, 1991, in which to file its report and recommendations on the cost studies and proposed rates.

On January 9 and 23, 1991, the Department submitted filings requesting an additional extension for its filing deadline. The

Department stated that it needed extra time for its report because it was faced at the same time with eight metro EAS dockets which were under tight statutory deadlines.

The Commission met to consider the matter on January 29, 1991.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission finds that the Department's request for an extension of time is reasonable and should be granted. The reasons for the request are sound. No party has opposed the extension. Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay.

The extension will be granted.

### **ORDER**

1. The Department is granted an extension of time until two weeks from the issue date of this Order in which to file a report and recommendations regarding cost studies and proposed rates in the docket herein.
2. Interested parties may submit comments for an additional 20 days beyond the Department's new filing deadline as calculated in Paragraph One above.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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